

# DECISION

Request Number: 02

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: C420 North American Championship Race Number: 1

Hearing Date: 2019-07-11

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** C420 - Yellow - 7826 - Sophia Fogarty

**Respondent(s):** C420 - Blue - 9339 - Connor Bennett

**Witnesses:** Udi Gal for 7826 and Ted McDonough for 9339

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** No proper hail      Unable to hail at time of the incident due to crew injury, advised  
prostee at dock after racing

**Red Flag Displayed:** No

**DECISION:** Request Valid      Per 61.1(a)

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

No conflicts of interest, committee accepted.

## FACTS FOUND

1. One minute before the warning signal for Race 1, 7826 was reaching on starboard tack, 20 boat lengths north of the signal boat
2. Boat 9339, on port tack, was broad reaching on a converging course with 7826
3. At a distance of less than 4 boatlengths, 7826 observed 9339 approaching and bore away slightly to pass between an obstructing coach boat and 9339
4. Immediately thereafter, 9339's boom made contact with 7826's starboard shroud and became hooked on it
5. 7826 was stopped abruptly, injuring her crew on the neck and head; both boats spun
6. 7826's crew was take ashore due to the injury and did not finish Race 1. Boat 9339's boom was damaged in the incident
7. Boat 7826 was late to the start of Race 2 by 3.5 minutes and did not start Race 3 due to injury

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Boat 9339 failed to keep clear of 7826 and made contact, breaking RRS 10 and 14

## DECISION

Boat 9339 is to be scored DSQ for Race 1

**Date & Time:**

7826's request for redress is granted. She is to be scored in Races 1 and 3 points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points for all races in the qualifying series, except 1 and 3. This shall not change the score of the other boats. However, more than half 7826's race scores in this qualifying series must be based on her finishing position in races she starts, and any grant of redress in excess of this amount shall not be applied to the boat's score.

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Steve Holmstrom (USA)

**Committee Members:** Lori Lowe (BAH), Paul Zupan (USA), Greg Meagher (USA), Grant Baldwin (USA)

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